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Two More Habitat Families Receive Keys to New Home

Winnipeg, MANITOBA – Today, Habitat for Humanity Manitoba (Habitat Manitoba) handed over the keys to another two Habitat families today at the Pandora Avenue West development in Transcona.

The Pandora Avenue West development is the largest and most ambitious project Habitat Manitoba has ever embarked upon, which will house approximately 275 people, including 175 children. This project is a beacon of hope for families caught in the housing crisis. 15 families have already moved into their homes and we look forward to welcoming another 18 families in 2025, and in 2026 we are scheduled to complete the final 20 homes.

Volunteers including our Board of Directors, donors, sponsors, families and staff have worked tirelessly to make this important moment possible. These homes will provide stability and security for these families through Habitat's affordable homeownership program, offering families an opportunity to purchase a safe and decent home through a unique financing partnership.

Habitat's path to homeownership is an involved and in-depth process that requires hard work, time and commitment by the future homeowners, all of which helps to strengthen their long-term success.

Habitat Manitoba is grateful to the Title Home Sponsors of these new homes. The **Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Manitoba** and the **Manitoba REALTORS® Shelter Foundation** each committed to raising over \$100,000 to make the dream of homeownership possible.

"Social responsibility and accountability are core values in the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences and we know housing is a key social determinant of health. When a family is able to settle into an affordable, stable home that meets their needs, children attain greater educational success and the family's overall health improves," said Dr. Peter Nickerson, dean, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Manitoba. "The contributions of Rady faculty, staff and student volunteers to build this house and provide financial support is a testament to our University of Manitoba's commitment to community engagement and the impact we can make. We are proud to be partners with Habitat Manitoba and wish all the best for these families in their future in their new home."

"REALTORS® believe that home is more than just four walls—it is the foundation of security, stability, and opportunity. Our partnership with Habitat Manitoba reflects our commitment to ensuring that more families can achieve the dream of homeownership. Today, as we hand the keys to the family, we are reminded of the profound impact a safe and stable home has on a family's future. This moment is a testament to what we can achieve when we come together to break down barriers and build stronger communities," said Clara Enns, Chair of the Manitoba REALTORS® Shelter Foundation.

The cost to build one Habitat home at the Pandora Avenue West development is over \$260,000 (excluding land). Habitat Manitoba is grateful to the loyal and generous donors and sponsors who help make it possible to keep building more homes to serve more families. These contributions play a pivotal role in helping us fulfill our vision, and we are grateful for the trust and commitment of our supporters. For a full list of Habitat Manitoba's major donors and sponsors visit [here](#).

"This investment from these generous sponsors will have a lasting and positive impact on these families, in our community and on the housing crisis in our city," says Jamie Hall, CEO, Habitat for Humanity Manitoba. "Each nail, each beam and every moment spent together creates a space where families can grow, find hope and embrace a new chapter in their lives."

About Habitat for Humanity Manitoba

Habitat for Humanity Manitoba (Habitat Manitoba) brings communities together to help families build strength, stability and independence through affordable homeownership. Habitat homeowners provide a solid foundation for better, healthier lives in Canada and around the world. Since 1987, Habitat Manitoba has collaborated with local businesses, organizations, groups and thousands of dedicated volunteers to build homes for over 500 families in the province and Kenora, Ontario. Learn more at habitat.mb.ca.

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